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Attachments: PFAS Pesticide Container PR cleaned 030421.docx; PFAS Pesticide Container PR -OECA mark-up.docx

Michal,

Thank you for the feedback. Attached is a clean version of the OECA approved press release in which Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Thanks again,

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Thanks – We are briefing multiple stakeholder groups on two OPP issues in the coming days, and in at least one case, we’re briefing a group on both issues in the same briefing - Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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The materials look great though – thank you for incorporating the feedback and for enhancing the q&as.

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Michal and Rick,

Attached is the communications package for the PFAS in pesticide packaging data release planned for Friday including:

- Press Release (PR)
- Internal Q&As
- Web with external Q&A (clean and tracked changes to see where we are updating content)
- Talking Points for opening the special purpose calls

Following last week's press inquiry you reviewed (see attached), E & E News is keen on having a PFAS story.

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6. *Can we assume from this that EPA will be sharing with us the actual levels found of the PFAS listed below?*

Yes, EPA's testing data will provide actual levels of PFAS from rinsate off of the fluorinated containers. In addition, EPA will also release data from the non-fluorinated containers for comparison.

7. *Were these tests of barrels sourced from the barrel manufacturer, or the pesticide manufacturer?*

The data included in the report represent results from testing the following HDPE container samples submitted by the producer of the pesticide product.

8. *How many types of PFAS did EPA test the barrels for?*

EPA tested for 26 PFAS (C4-C18).

9. *We noticed that EPA found PFOA in the barrels, despite PFOA being phased out years ago. Does EPA have any indication of how PFOA, specifically, got in there? Could it possibly be an issue of legacy contamination of manufacturing equipment?*

Through testing, EPA has confirmed that PFOA is one of the PFAS created as a result of the fluorination process.

10. *Does EPA have plans to test any HDPE barrels made by other manufacturers or used by other pesticides products?*

Yes, EPA is planning further testing of fluorinated HDPE barrels from other manufacturers sourced from the open market.

Thank you,

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